Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule E5.8

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Proposal

E5.8 Penalties

When a protest committee finds that a boat has broken rule E3.3, E4.2(a) or E4.5, or E4.2(a) it shall either warn her, disqualify her from her next race or give her a lesser scoring penalty require her to make one or more penalty turns in her next race as soon as possible after starting.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

1. The current rule is somewhat draconian for a minor breach, such as accidently stepping out of the control area

2. The current rule is problematic as there is no penalty available if the breach occurs in the last race. This introduces the ability to provide a penalty in the last race.

3. Reference to E4.5 is redundant should proposals for E3.3 and E4.2 be accepted.